

RE: [EXTERNAL] POA-2017-00271 Pebble Project USFWS Section 7 Consultation Initiation Request

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Dear Mr. McCoy, Mr. Seris, and Mr. Missal:

Please find attached our acknowledgement of initiation of formal consultation for your proposed authorizations of the Pebble Mine Project. Your request for consultation was received on May 21, 2020. The regulations implementing section 7 of the Endangered Species Act allow the Service up to 90 calendar days to conclude formal consultation with your agencies, and an additional 45 calendar days to prepare our biological opinion (unless we mutually agree to an extension). Therefore, we expect to provide you with our biological opinion no later than October 3, 2020.

Please feel free to contact me or Catherine Yeargan if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Doug Cooper

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Mr. Cooper,

Attached is the Pebble Project biological assessment as required per 50 CFR §402.12(b)(1). Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any reference documents you need provided.

v/r,

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